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### SCHOOL BUDGET

## No big changes as spending rises 3.25%

*School Committee approves superintendent's \$42M level-services proposal for fiscal 2017*

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No programs have been cut, no staff has been laid off, no new fees have been added, and no existing fees have been increased in the new budget approved by the School Committee last week.

For fiscal 2017, the year that

begins July 1, the School Department will operate with a \$42.3 million budget, an increase of \$1.3 million for the town's schools. The committee voted for the new budget following a public hearing during which no residents commented on the budget.

The budget approved on April 26 is virtually identical to the pro-

positional School Supt. William Sapelli rolled out in February. The new budget is a 3.25 percent increase over the current \$41 million budget.

This is Sapelli's fifth school budget since being appointed school superintendent in 2012, and all have been "level-service" budgets, maintaining the same

educational programs and staffing level. Because of contracted increases in salaries and fixed costs, a level-funded budget would have required program cuts or layoffs.

Prior to the public hearing, Sapelli provided a condensed summary of the increases and decreases in the fiscal 2017 budget. In earlier meetings with the com-

mittee, he provided detailed costs for the different budget areas.

Sapelli said "the lion's share" of the budget is for salaries, which account for more than 80 percent of the School Department's expenses. The increase in the salary account for fiscal 2017 is \$1.6 mil-

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### Batter up!



Dave Gallerani does soft-toss drills with Anthony DePalma during Little League Opening Day on April 30 at Agawam Memorial Field. More photos, page 11.  
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### OVERDOSE TREATMENT

## Narcan could come to schools

**By Michael J. Ballway**  
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Agawam is "seriously looking at" stocking the anti-overdose drug Narcan next year in nurses' offices at all public schools in town.

"We know that addictions are prevalent throughout the country," said Mayor Richard Cohen this week. "We're just taking a proactive step."

The drug, which can be administered by anyone with minimal training, can save a life by reversing the effects of a heroin overdose. School Supt. William Sapelli said the School Committee is currently working on a policy for its use, and once a vote is taken, he is ready to begin ordering the drug.

Sapelli said that the school board had initially discussed stocking Narcan only at the high

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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

## Housing, parks are CPA priorities

**By Michael J. Ballway**  
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It's time to make affordable housing a priority for Community Preservation Act money, members of the CPA Committee were told last week. Rita Farrell, senior policy advisor with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, said the aging population in Western Massachusetts doesn't match up with the housing inventory, which in recent years has become heavily slanted toward

large, detached single-family homes.

"Baby Boomers are leaving the workforce and there's not a lot of options to downsize," Farrell said at the April 27 meeting.

She said CPA funds can be spent on housing designed for people with incomes up to 100 percent of the area median income.

Affordable housing doesn't necessarily involve a town construction project, Farrell added. She cit-

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Rita Farrell of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership speaks at a public hearing on Agawam's CPA fund last week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



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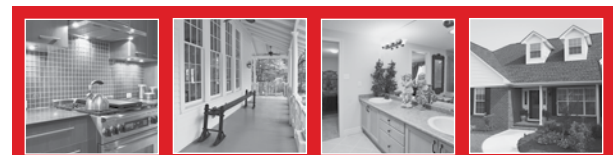


## Council to hold capital improvement public hearing

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam, on the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2017 to 2021, as submitted to the City Council by the mayor on April 14.

The Capital Improvement Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or facility; the purchase of land, buildings or facilities for a public purpose; or a long-range development study.

The 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program is available for inspection at the city clerk's office, 36 Main St., Agawam, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.



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## Free document shredding May 14

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"I am sure that this shredding event will be as successful as the past ones," said Mayor Richard Cohen.

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Identity theft starts with the misuse of personal identifying information. Documents such as old bank statements, legal documents, medical records, tax records,

receipts, invoices, utility bills, canceled checks and statements containing credit card numbers, birth dates, signatures, passwords and pin numbers are all items that should be shredded.

Valley Green Shredding will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred residential documents for free. Residents are asked to limit their confidential documents to five standard size boxes. All three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable.

For additional information, contact the DPW at 413-821-0624.

For more information on how to protect your identity, visit [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov).

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# Kentucky Derby party to aid cancer relay

Mint juleps, flowery hats, and fast horses — hallmarks of the Kentucky Derby — will also be elements of a special Derby-themed fundraiser for the Relay For Life of Agawam on Saturday.

Robyn and Paul Sadowski are horse-racing fans who have been running this fundraiser for Team Jan's Jokers on the day of the famous race for the past two years. They will host their third annual "Derby Day for the Relay" at Murphy's Pub in Agawam to raise money during the running of the 142nd Kentucky Derby, which is always run on the first Saturday in May. The event will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the event, and anyone who attends can buy a ticket to try their luck at picking the winning horse. Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. Participants will place their tickets in paper bags with names and numbers of horses running the race. Prizes will be awarded to participants who pick the winning horse. There will also be a 50-50 drawing.

"We encourage anyone who enjoys the Derby and who wants to help us fight back against cancer to put on Derby-style attire and join us," said Paul Sadowski. Robin Sadowski added that in keeping with the tradition of ladies wearing fancy hats to watch the Kentucky Derby, the event will again feature an annual hat contest for ladies.

"The Kentucky Derby offers women the opportunity to express their inner Southern Belle by showing off their Derby fashions. So ladies, be original — or colorful — and you may win a prize," she said. "It's a fun way to help support a great cause."

The tradition of women wearing fancy and colorful hats to the Kentucky Derby is believed to bring good luck.

"It's like getting into a costume and creating a fun character for a few hours," she added.

Mint juleps — the traditional drink at the Derby — will also be available for purchase at the bar. The restaurant will have many of its large-screen TVs tuned to a live broadcast of the race and pre-race activities so participants can cheer on their favorite horses.

"Cancer has touched many of our lives in some way, so we decided to fight back by raising funds for the Relay,"



These women were among several ladies who expressed their inner Southern Belle by wearing colorful hats and drinking mint juleps at last year's "Derby Day for the Relay" fundraiser. SUBMITTED PHOTO

said Paul Sadowski.

The team is named in honor of his brother Jan, who died of brain cancer several years ago.

The Sadowskis have always enjoyed watching the three Triple Crown horse races that start with the Derby. They created the Derby day fundraiser to use their passion for horse racing to raise money toward finding a cure for cancer.

"We thought it would be a fun and unique way to fundraise for the Relay. There is no set goal, so whatever we raise for our team will help the Relay in reaching this year's \$85,000 fund-raising goal," said Paul Sadowski. He and his wife have participated in the Relay since it started in Agawam in 2012.

The Relay for Life will be held Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, at School Street Park in Agawam. For more information about "Derby Day for the Relay," contact the Sadowskis at 413-355-0815.

# Power plant fines likely won't come to town

By Michael J. Ballway  
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It's unlikely that Agawam residents will see any windfall from a March legal judgment against the owner and operator of the Berkshire Power Plant on Moylan Drive.

On March 30, the state attorney general and a U.S. attorney announced that Berkshire Power Co., Power Plant Management Services and EthosEnergy Power Plant Services will pay a total of \$8.5 million in fines for tampering with emissions monitoring equipment and under-reporting pollution from the natural gas-fired plant.

That prompted Mayor Richard Cohen, who said he learned about the lawsuit by reading a news article about the settlement, to investigate whether the town could sign on to receive some of the payments. After all, he reasoned at the time, it is Agawam residents who are likely to be most affected by pollution from an Agawam power plant.

This week, he said it turns out there was no harmful pollution, and at any rate, the town government has no voice in the enforcement of clean air standards.

"The town was not involved in it, as we have no jurisdiction," Cohen said Tuesday. "From my understanding ... it [the violation] was 100 percent to do with fraudulent reporting as to the operations of the power plant. It's my understanding that it has nothing to do with emissions."

Though prosecutors said in a statement last month that Berkshire Power's circumvention of emissions monitors was a case of "placing greed over protecting nearby communities," town officials now say there's no evidence that Agawam residents' health was placed at risk.

Patrick Toney, the town solicitor, said in a memo to city councilors on Tuesday that Town Hall has "been assured by [the] Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the attorney general's office that there have been no known quantities of harmful emissions measured."

The regulations that Berkshire Power was judged to have broken are state and federal laws, and "the city of Agawam does not have regulatory powers over the plant in question," Toney added.

The power plant off Shoemaker Lane has been in operation since July 3, 2001. The illegal tampering occurred between 2008 and 2011.

On March 30, Martin Suuberg, commissioner of the state DEP, said "some of the funds generated by this settlement will support innovative programs to improve air quality in the commonwealth, including the woodstove change-out and electric vehicle subsidy programs."

The woodstove program covers Western Massachusetts. The subsidy for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations is a statewide program.

# Republican Town Committee seeking new members

The new Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a meet-and-greet on Wednesday, May 11, at Gino's Restaurant, 360 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with pizza, followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

The committee is newly formed and is actively seeking new members who have an interest in Republican issues and are looking to meet with like-minded people. Those interested in learning more about the committee are encouraged to stop by, enjoy a slice of pizza, meet some of

the members and ask questions in a social setting. There is no obligation to join. The committee's mission is simply to find citizens who are interested in getting involved in local political activities and bring them together.

The committee encourages people to seek positions on local boards and commissions and supports them in their efforts. All committee meetings are open to the public. For further information, contact Robert Magovern at 413-885-0430 or Ron LaRiviere at 413-786-5239.

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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## Seeing another side of Washington

Let's face it — Washington is a mess. Agawam voters earlier this spring supported the two anti-establishment candidates, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, because D.C. doesn't work for us anymore.

It's a good thing we sent our junior high students there to clean it up.

In this week's edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, AJHS student Olivia Salva reports on her classmates' trip to our nation's capital. They may not have passed any laws, removed any gridlock or cut any deficits, but try to read her story and not come away with a higher opinion of Washington.

Our cynical age sees corruption in the Oval Office, pettiness and partisanship under the Capitol dome, revisionist histories of scandal in the monuments to our great past presidents and founding fathers. It's all true — it's all there — but we forget that it's not the whole story.

Our children saw the no less real Washington of strength, resolve and liberty expressed in architecture and sculpture. When you've seen images of the White House on a thousand news reports about an embattled administration — both the ones you voted for, and the ones you despised — you think you know what it looks like. When you stand within naked eyesight of it, however, and know that The President is there, you can't help seeing it in a new light.

Students saw a history that had seemed so distant in their textbooks suddenly come to life. They can memorize facts and dates surrounding Kitty Hawk and Auschwitz and the civil rights movement for as long as it takes to ace their MCAS test, but none of that will make man's achievements and atrocities as real to them as standing in the spot where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, or visiting the Holocaust Museum, or seeing the actual first airplane that the Wright Brothers flew.

A great deal of thought obviously went into the planning of this trip, affording these students a wide range of experiences. Rather than spending the whole week in D.C. itself — where there's certainly enough to keep a school group occupied for two or three weeks, let alone one — AJHS gave these students a taste of the colonial countryside at Mount Vernon and a quick look at another of America's great cities with the one-day stop in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia detour itself balanced the lighthearted — a photo opp on the museum steps made famous in the "Rocky" films — with serious, educational visits to Independence Hall and the Benjamin Franklin house.

Within Washington and northern Virginia, the trip included a mix of museums, monuments, landmark buildings and two solemn honors — laying memorial wreaths at the graves of George and Martha Washington, and at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our students were awed, enriched and inspired by these experiences.

Usually, we send our most promising young legislators into the Beltway and watch as they turn into part of the problem they pledged to solve. This time, we sent our young students there, and they showed us that even in the midst of all those problems, fresh eyes can find hope.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).

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JAY SPEAKS

## Year after year, puzzles always a good fit

One of our wedding gifts was a card table and four chairs. It served us as our kitchen table and chairs in our first apartment. Upon moving to our first home, it became my jigsaw puzzle table. It has remained that for over 60 years.

There is a puzzle on the table year-round. Of course it is more active in the cold winter months than the warmer summer months. Everybody who does puzzles has his or her own technique. I think that I am traditional in doing the border first (after sorting out the colors, printed matter and edges).

I work on puzzles of 500 pieces as well as those of 750 and 1,000 pieces. My table will not allow any larger than the 1,000.

For the more adventurous puzzle workers there are the three-dimensional jigsaw puzzles of famous buildings, space rockets, the moon and planets, and animals. There are puzzles of a single color for the truly skilled puzzle experts. I stay traditional.

Each summer, when Kitty and I travel to Pilgrim Pines in New Hampshire for an Elderhostel, we note that there is a separate table in the dining room where there is a large jigsaw puzzle. Anyone who wants to pitch in can place one or more pieces, and by week's end the puzzle is complete.

The same approach works in our home. When I get stuck, I call out, "Kitty, I'm stuck, help me out." When any of our children or grandchildren are visiting, they all are welcome to place a few pieces. Fortunately for me, everyone allows me to place the last piece of the puzzle.

Some of the newer puzzles are replicas of famous paintings, and when complete can be chemically treated to stay together and can be framed. I see a great number of those in our Agawam Library.

Each time I visit our library in Agawam, I see a few people working on puzzles. It is rumored that there is one gentleman who takes one piece of the puzzle home at night so that no one will complete the puzzle in his absence.

After visiting the libraries in one of our children's home town, we noted a program that we thought might work in Agawam. The library encouraged patrons to bring in their completed puzzles and check out some else's. When we returned, we mentioned the program to our librarian. It is now in effect in Agawam.

Doctors, social workers and those professional people who work with the older population encourage us to do crossword puzzles, take part in trivia games, take classes, and of course work on jigsaw puzzles!

The person who gifted us with the bridge table and chair probably never realized how it was going to be used, and for how long. It surely has been a blessing for me and my family. More power to all of my readers who do jigsaw puzzles.

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*



Jay Berger  
Guest Columnist

## School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School  
68 Main St.  
Tuesday, May 10 — 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Workshop - 6 p.m.
3. Moment of silence
4. Roll call of attendance
5. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
6. Citizen's Speak Time
7. Highlights on Education: 2016 Best Communities for Music Education Award
8. Superintendent's Notes
9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
10. Unfinished business: None
11. Business meeting
  - a. Routine matters

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - a. Warrants/Transfers
  - c. Reports:
    - 1). Scheduled Reports:
      - Feasibility Study Committee update — Habeeb & Associates
      - Family & Community Engagement Grant update — R. Fernandes and M. Connery
    - 2). Subcommittee updates
  12. New business:
    - a. SCR-16-16, School Choice participation
    - b. SCR-16-17, Acceptance of \$4,399.00 donation from the Agawam Gridiron Parents to purchase an end zone camera for the AHS football team
    13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
    14. Adjournment

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## Garden Club to discuss window boxes Tuesday

The Agawam Garden Club will meet at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The topic for the evening's presentation will be how to plant window boxes. Refreshments will be provided and a raffle will take place. Members and non-members are welcome.

The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam.

## Retirement party for schools' IT specialist

A retirement party in honor of Ann Flynn, IT specialist with the Agawam public schools, will take place Friday, June 3. The event will be held at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include meal and gift. Music will be provided by Dave Fazio. For tickets, contact Alexis Ferioli at 413-821-0552, Sue Niles at 413-821-0524 or Kathleen Poggi at 413-821-0516. Payment is due no later than May 18.

## Catholic Women schedule May 9 banquet

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual May Banquet at Chez Joseph, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, on Monday, May 9. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meal choices include chicken or fish.

The cost is \$30 per person. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Jackie at 860-212-9950.

## TVAA exhibiting art this month

CHICOPEE — The Tobacco Valley Artists Association Members Spring Art Show will be on display through May 27 at the Chicopee Public Library at 449 Front St., Chicopee. The opening reception, awards and critique will take place on May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Western Massachusetts portrait artist Paul Leveille will judge the members' entries. Awards will be given for best of show; top watercolor, oil and acrylic, pastel, and other media works; a people's choice; and honorable mention. Leveille will also provide a critique of various works that members present for review.

TVAA meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St. Guests are always welcome.

# Obituaries

## Michael J. Turner, 33

Our beloved son and brother Michael J. Turner, 33, lost his battle with heroin addiction on Friday, April 22.

He fought a tough battle with addiction for a very long time. He never wanted this battle and fought it until the very end. Now he is flying with the angels and may he find peace and comfort in their arms.

Mike enjoyed concerts, going to the casinos, cooking, working on cars, music, soccer and camping. He especially loved spending time with his family and children.

He leaves his mother, Marlene Roberts and her husband Jeff of Feeding Hills; his father, Matthew Turner of Chicopee; his son, Michael James Turner Jr.; his daughter, Amber Lee Turner; the mother of his children, Malena Turner of Southwick; his soulmate, Theresa Wesley of Connecticut; two brothers, Steven Turner and his wife Angie of Enfield and Andrew Turner and fiancé Luke of Chicopee; his sister, Jennifer Turner and her boyfriend Joel of Chicopee; three step-brothers Brian Roberts and wife Bethany of Iowa, Austin Roberts and Tyler Roberts of Feeding Hills; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Mike will be sadly missed by all of his family, friends, and others who knew him.

The funeral home service was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home. For more information please visit curranjones.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam and Friends Against Addiction GoFundMe page.



### DEATH NOTICES

**Freeman, Pearle D.**  
Died April 29  
Funeral May 3  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
West Springfield

**Montanari, Theresa A.**  
Died April 23  
Celebration of Life to be announced  
Agawam Funeral Home

**Remillard, Marilyn T.**  
Died May 1  
Funeral May 5  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home  
Agawam

**Turner, Michael J.**  
Died April 22  
Funeral April 28  
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

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### CPA ■ from page 1

ed the example of an existing subsidized apartment complex in Amherst. When the subsidy was set to expire, the landlord planned to raise rents to market rates. The town used \$1.25 million in CPA funds to broker a \$30 million deal for a new owner to take over the property and keep rents low.

In Northampton, the CPA spent \$300,000 to support Habitat for Humanity projects. Additionally, more than 100 communities across the state, Farrell said, have set up community housing trusts — private nonprofits that can purchase land and work with builders to develop affordable private housing. Many of those trusts are funded from the local CPA, Farrell said.

To set up a housing trust in Agawam would take a vote of the City Council and approval by the mayor, said Agawam CPA Committee Chairman Henry Kozlowski.

CPA Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio said the town hasn't spent much of its CPA money on housing over the years, since there was no coordinated plan. The ad-hoc Housing Committee is now working on such a plan.

The town has had open space and recreation plans for several years, resulting in two phases of construction at School Street Park, the Agawam Riverwalk, the Dog Park and others.

This year, the Parks and Recreation Department plans to make improvements to Wade

Park, on Franklin Street in Feeding Hills. Future planned projects include laying rubberized surfaces on all playgrounds in town, and rebuilding the playground at Perry Lane Park.

The Perry Lane project will involve public fundraising coordinated by the Lions Club, said Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks.

"It's going to be more than they're able to fundraise fully," Sparks said. "I think it's going to be next year's big project."

Agawam's CPA fund currently has \$1.9 million. More than half of that money came from a 1 percent surcharge on property taxes — an additional \$32.92 on the average Agawam tax bill of \$3,292. That money is matched from a state fund. When Agawam adopted the CPA in 2003, it received a 100 percent state match; since 2009, the state's contribution has steadily declined, and is now less than a quarter of the amount raised from local taxpayers. The CPA fund has also received grants and donations, and earned interest on deposited funds. All told, property taxpayers have contributed \$6.03 million to the CPA since 2003, or 58.54 percent of the total \$10.67 million raised.

The money is held outside of the town's regular budget and can be used on just four categories of spending: 10 percent must be spent on open space, 10 percent on community and affordable housing, 10 percent on historical re-

sources, and the remainder on any of those categories, or recreation. In general, the money can be spent only on construction, land acquisition and other one-time purchases, not on ongoing maintenance or operating expenses.

## Alzheimer's book signing at Heritage Woods

Heritage Woods Senior Living will host a book signing by Tinky Weisblat, author of "Pulling Taffy: A Year with Dementia & Other Adventures," at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

"Pulling Taffy" is a memoir of a daughter's account of the final year living with her elderly mother, nicknamed Taffy, who had Alzheimer's. Weisblat will share their story and offer fun and helpful tips for others caring for a loved one with dementia.

For more information or to register, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@gensisshcc.com.

Heritage Woods is at 462 Main St., Agawam.

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**BUDGET ■ from page 1**

lion. He said the salary account was a “major challenge” for this budget.

According to Sapelli, incorporating salary costs into the budget was difficult because negotiations are still ongoing for the five bargaining units that represent school employees. There has been no change to amount budgeted for salaries since the preliminary budget was prepared.

Collective bargaining agreements for those employee unions are expiring and must be renegotiated. Since the amount included for salaries is an estimate, the final salary amount could be higher or lower once negotiations are settled.

In addition to salaries, the budget includes hikes to other additional “fixed costs,” such as athletic transportation, regular education transportation, non-special education, out-of-district tuition, and information technology.

**Increased sports busing**

The increase in athletic transportation costs is a result of the reconstruction on the sports fields and athletic facilities at the high school. Students won’t be able to use the fields until the work is finished.

“We’re busing student athletes — boys and girls — to different sites for practices and competitions, so there’s an increase for bus transportation cost for that reason,” explained Sapelli.

The information technology area of budget also was increased by \$24,000. The additional money will be used by the IT department to purchase new software.

Sapelli said that he made an effort to be

“fiscally responsible” when preparing the budget by finding areas where the increases could be offset by budget reductions. Special education tuitions and special services supplies were cut by more than \$440,000.

The primary reason for reducing special education tuition costs is that more students have “aged out” of the programs. Additional savings have been realized because more special services are being performed in-house instead of sending students out of the district.

Savings were also realized because principals at all schools did not request an increase in their allocation for purchasing supplies. Material and supply budgets at schools will be maintained at the same level of funding as in the current budget.

Preparing the budget began in last November, just two months into the school year, and numerous meetings were held with administrators, staff, school committee members, and town officials to address “adjustments” to the budget.

The School Committee’s Budget and Finance Subcommittee, chaired by Anthony Bonavita, and the City Council’s Budget Subcommittee, chaired by Paul Cavallo, also provided input into the budget.

The school budget now goes to the City Council to be incorporated into the town’s budget. It is available for the public to view at the library, the city clerk’s office at Town Hall, and at the School Department’s central office at the junior high school. It’s also on the school website, [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org).



School Superintendent William Sapelli presents his \$42 million budget to School Committee members last week. TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

**NARCAN ■ from page 1**

school, junior high school and middle school, but currently plans to include the town’s elementary schools, as well.

“It’s not necessarily just kids that have an issue” with drug abuse, Sapelli said. “It could be parents, it could be people visiting the school, it could be people there to vote, it could be anybody.”

Sapelli, who has worked in Agawam schools for decades, said he is not aware of any past incident on school grounds where Narcan would have been used, had it been available — “and hopefully, we won’t have any,” he added. But he compared Narcan to the defibrillators that have been installed at all schools to reverse a heart attack: “We haven’t had to use those yet, thank God, but that doesn’t mean we should not have them.”

He said he expects the school administrators, nurses and perhaps some faculty and staff members would be trained to administer Narcan. The training is not difficult, he said. The anti-overdose drug is delivered via a nasal spray.

Cohen, who serves as chairman of the School Committee, said he pushed for Narcan after learning that the school nurses supported the proposal. He said he may also look at whether it makes sense to have Narcan in the Health Department office at Town Hall.

Sapelli said he isn’t sure yet how much the drug would cost. He said some companies have given it to schools for free. Otherwise, the School Department will try to fund its purchases through grants or private donations.

According to a November 2015 report by the Associated Press, state Attorney General Maura Healey is making Narcan available to first responders at a discounted cost of \$20 per dose. Before the discounting program, cities and towns were paying between \$33 and \$67 per dose, the AP reported.

## Authors sought for local book signing event

The Agawam Public Library is seeking local authors to participate in the fifth annual READLocal book-signing event to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 20. The event will be the kickoff to the library’s 12th Adult Summer Reading Program. This year, the program’s theme is “On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!”

The event will be held in the library’s Community Room at 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Each author will have his or her own table on which to set up a display, meet and greet readers and sell books.

Interested authors must have published a book for adults and not have previously participated in an author event at the Agawam Library. Book summary and contact information should be sent to Wendy McAnanama at [wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org) by May 13. Space is limited.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 354 calls for service from April 25 to May 1. The department recorded four arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Tuesday, April 26

Vladislav Golenev, 20, of 16 Park St., Westfield, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with

license suspended.

### Saturday, April 30

Joel Acevedo, 24, of 119 Sumner Ave., Apt. 610, East Boston, was arrested on charge of trespassing.  
A juvenile from Hartford, Conn., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.  
A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 72 EMS calls from April 19 to April 25, and the following emergency response calls.

On April 19 at 7:40 a.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for false alarm or false call, other.  
On April 19 at 8 a.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for false alarm or false call, other.  
On April 19 at 11:52 a.m., the department responded to River Road with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.  
On April 19 at 6:36 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for carbon monoxide incident.  
On April 19 at 8:36 p.m., the department responded to Carol Avenue with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.  
On April 19 at 11:15 p.m., the department responded to Oak Hill for lockout.  
On April 20 at 12:52 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for detector activation, no fire — unintentional.  
On April 20 at 2:05 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.  
On April 20 at 3:06 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for fire, other.  
On April 20 at 5:03 p.m., the department responded to South Park Terrace for fire, other.  
On April 20 at 5:08 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.  
On April 20 at 9:34 p.m., the department responded to S. West Street for citizen complaint.  
On April 21 at 11:22 a.m., the department responded to River Road for extrication, rescue, other.  
On April 21 at 4:20 p.m., the department responded to Begley Street for forest, woods or wildland fire.  
On April 21 at 4:20 p.m., the department responded to Begley Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.  
On April 21 at 4:20 p.m., the department responded to Begley Street for forest, woods or wildland fire.  
On April 21 at 6:10 p.m., the department responded to Ridgeway Drive for lockout.

On April 21 at 6:50 p.m., the department responded to Ralph Street for authorized controlled burning.  
On April 22 at 2:30 p.m., the department responded to Depot Street, Southwick to assist police or other governmental agency.  
On April 22 at 3:48 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.  
On April 22 at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for citizen complaint.  
On April 22 at 4:18 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 West for grass fire.  
On April 23 at 11 a.m., the department responded to Pine Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.  
On April 23 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for grass fire.  
On April 23 at 11:32 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.  
On April 24 at 11 a.m., the department responded to Pine Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.  
On April 24 at 5:51 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.  
On April 25 at 9:28 a.m., the department responded to Corey Colonial for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.  
On April 25 at 10:33 a.m., the department responded to Elbert Road for false alarm or false call, other.  
On April 25 at 10:35 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for false alarm or false call, other.  
On April 25 at 11:34 a.m., the department responded to Meadow Street to assist police or other governmental agency.  
On April 25 at 12:28 p.m., the department responded to Center Street for citizen complaint.

## MID-TERM VACANCIES

# Charter change placed on hold

## Council wants to hear school board's opinion

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

The Agawam City Council has reached an impasse regarding how the School Committee should approach filling mid-term vacancies, and will now await input from the committee before proceeding with a potential charter change.

On Monday night, debate erupted that ultimately led a resolution to change the town charter so that the procedure for filling vacancies on the School Committee is the same as that for the council.

Last month, Councilor Richard Theroux headlined a group of councilors and Mayor Richard Cohen in sponsoring a resolution to automatically award a vacated School Committee seat to the highest unsuccessful vote-getter in the previous election. This mimics the way that City Council vacancies are filled.

Roberta Doering, a longtime school committee member, died in late March. To fill the resulting vacancy, the City Council solicited resumes from the public, then held a joint meeting with the remaining members of the School Committee to make a selection by majority vote. Eleven councilors, five elected School Committee members and the mayor participated in that vote.

The joint meeting selected Brian Burbank, after six other applicants withdrew their names from consideration. Burbank had run as the only challenger in the 2015 town election, and would also have been selected under the resolution sponsored by Theroux and Cohen.

The vacancy procedure for the City Council was changed in 2000 following the death of Councilor Kent Servis. There were two candidates for that vacant seat, and the 10 remaining members of the council remained deadlocked in a procedure that

went for more than five hours one evening.

“We kept running into a deadlock and went past midnight before we finally picked someone,” said Councilor Gina Letellier. “It was embarrassing.”

While Theroux and several other councilors were in favor of this year’s proposed charter change, Theroux learned the School Committee had not had time to weigh in, and decided it was important to get an opinion from the committee.

“They are going to be discussing at their next meeting, so I recommend tabling the vote until then,” said Theroux.

The vote was tabled unanimously by the council, but not before Councilor Christopher Johnson voiced his opinion against the proposed charter change.

“I agree that the School Committee should be able to vote for their new member alone, without the council,” said Johnson. “But I don’t believe it should be the person who came in seventh place.”

Johnson cited an editorial on the topic in the April 14 edition of the Agawam Advertiser News. He said what place someone finishes in the last election should not be the sole deciding factor.

School Committee members Shelley Reed and Wendy Rua both appeared at the council meeting and expressed support for the charter change. After the meeting, Reed said she appreciated the council wanting to get the School Committee’s opinion before passing the resolution. After listening to the debate, she said ultimately, she just wants to get something passed.

“We need a procedure to put in place,” said Reed. “There are merits for both ideas. But I think the School Committee should be in charge.”

The School Committee’s next meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, in the Doering School auditorium.



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Graphic novels can improve reading development for reluctant readers, and students struggling with language acquisition, including special-needs students, as the illustrations provide contextual clues to the meaning of the written narrative. They can also provide autistic students with clues to emotional context that they might miss when reading traditional text.

The notion that graphic novels are too simplistic to be regarded as serious reading is outdated. The excellent graphic novels available today are linguistically appropriate reading material demanding many of the same skills that are needed to understand traditional works of prose fiction. Often they actually contain more advanced vocabulary than traditional books at the same age, grade and interest level. Reading graphic novels can help students develop the critical skills necessary to read more challenging works, including the classics.



Pamela Weingart

Some great graphic novels to try are:

- “Hamster and Cheese” by Colleen Venable, recommended for grades K-3. Accelerated Reader level: 2.3 Accelerated Reader points: 0.5. In this book, Sasspants, a guinea pig, reluctantly agrees to act as a private investigator when Hamisher the hamster begs for her help in discovering who is stealing sandwiches from the pet shop’s befuddled owner.

- “Squish, Super Amoeba” by Jennifer L. Holm, recommended for students in grade 3 and up. Accelerated Reader level: 2.2. Accelerated Reader points 0.5.

In this book, Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, “Super Amoeba,” tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.

- “Smile” by Raina Telgemeier, recommended for students in grade 5 and up. Accelerated Reader level: 2.6. Accelerated Reader points: 1.0. In this book, the author relates her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all the while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.

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*Pamela Weingart is the youth services librarian at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.*

## Signups this month for school robotics teams

Agawam Robotics Education Association will host a registration session for all levels of robotics programs for the 2016-17 school year from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Agawam Public Library.

**Junior FIRST Lego League:** For students in kindergarten through grade 3. Junior FLL introduces the younger students to the world of science and technology. This program features a real-world challenge to be solved by research, critical thinking and imagination. Guided by parent coaches, students work with Lego elements and moving parts to create solutions and present them for review. This program is sponsored by Agawam Robotics and is offered to Agawam students free of charge.

**FIRST Lego League:** For fourth- to sixth-grade students. FLL introduces participants to real-world engineering challenges by building Lego-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imagina-

tions and adult coaches, discover career possibilities and through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society. Registration fee for this program is \$50 per student and \$25 for each additional student in the same family when signed up at the same time.

**FIRST Tech Challenge:** For students in seventh and eighth grades. FTC teams are responsible to develop strategy, designing and building robots based on sound engineering principles, then programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Registration fee for this level is \$75 per student.

For more information on FIRST, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org). For any questions or for those unable to attend the signup session, contact Wincy Chan at [wincychan@com-cast.net](mailto:wincychan@com-cast.net).

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

### Special interest programs

The STEM Starter Academy at STCC offers current seniors the opportunity to spend the summer on campus earning free college credit and learning more about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. The program includes college courses, field trips, guest speakers, lectures, and a \$500 stipend. Contact Dr. Felicia Griffin-Fennell at [fdgriffin-fennell@stcc.edu](mailto:fdgriffin-fennell@stcc.edu) or at 413-755-4819. Applications are available in the Counselor Center.

Westfield State University is offering a free summer course to any students participating in any dual-enrollment program for the first time. Interested students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and the course must be in the common core. The dates of the eligible session are May 23 to June 30. If you have questions about the program or would like an application, please see your counselor.

### Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: The Online MBA Report; In Memory of Any Pac; Rovithis Realty Scholarship; Horatio Alger Association & Technical Scholarship; American College Foundation; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship; Class of 1980 Scholarship;

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## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, May 9:** Mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, potato wedges, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, May 10:** French toast sticks with cheese omelet, bacon, hash browns, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Wednesday, May 11:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Thursday, May 12:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Friday, May 13:** Bacon cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato and cheese, French fries, red/orange vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

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**Monday, May 9:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

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**Wednesday, May 11:** Assorted calzones, seasoned carrots, fresh and chilled fruit, Italian ice.

**Thursday, May 12:** Chicken patty on a roll, barbecue sauce, spiral fries, broccoli salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Friday, May 13:** French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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**Wednesday, May 11:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

**Thursday, May 12:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

**Friday, May 13:** Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

## Youth Fishing Day slated for June 5

The fifth annual Bob “Who” Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under and club members and their kids, it is free of charge. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for kids. Bait will be available at the clubhouse free of charge and no fishing license is required.

For more information, call the WSF&G clubhouse at 413-786-5925.

## Autism spectrum storytime at library

The Agawam Public Library will host a Sensory Storytime beginning this fall. Sensory Storytimes are inclusive programs developed for all ages, children through young adults, who are on the autism spectrum or differently abled, and presented at a preschool level of development.

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From left, Dean Kadonaga, Sam Polley, Brady Spaulding and Brandon Spaulding stand on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House.



Myles Pires, right, reads a tribute to George Washington as he and Agawam Junior High School classmates Sam Polley, left, and Jaron Luke lay a wreath at George and Martha Washington's tomb at their Mount Vernon estate in northern Virginia.



At the Pentagon in northern Virginia, from left, Matt Hotaling, Ben Corriveau and Jonathan Murray sit at the Sept. 11 Memorial.

# Junior High students go on a 'capital' trip

By Olivia Salva

As the sun rose over Agawam Junior High School, after months of meticulous planning and precise scheduling, it was finally time to embark on a journey through history.

We left at 5:30 in the morning and took a four and a half hour ride to a brief tour in Philadelphia. The first stop was at the "Rocky" steps, famous for their role in the Sylvester Stallone boxing movie, but truthfully, the stairs to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Rocky is depicted in a bronze statue nearby. Lunch was eaten at the Reading Terminal, a popular marketplace of shops providing a wide variety of foods from candy to cheese-steaks, a Philadelphia favorite. We ended the day walking from Independence Hall to the Liberty Bell and all the way to the site of Benjamin Franklin's house.

After a breakfast buffet in our hotel, again our journey through history began, and this time we would be visiting the Virginia home of our first president, George Washington. A tour of his estate brought us to his bed, his table, and his fields. Beautiful landscaping led to the great marble tomb of the general himself, where we laid a wreath between the stone caskets holding the famous couple.

After visiting that historic site, our group headed to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The high ceilings hung planes and assorted spacecrafts. You could see the first plane built by Wilbur and Orville Wright one minute and then look at the plane Amelia Earhart rode in across the Atlantic Ocean. After dinner, we went to the Capital Wheel, a giant ferris wheel, glowing pink on the edge of the Potomac River. Eight people could fit in each passenger car and music played while riders watched the sun set on the river. After a slow boat ride across the Potomac, the group was brought back to the hotel.

The next day, our stops would be from a more political standpoint. Our first stop was at the Capitol, where we toured the public areas of the building, like the dome. Did you know that on the ceiling is a fresco depicting George Washington among the Greek gods in heaven? Then another privi-



Students and chaperones who participated in the AJHS trip to Washington take a break on the "Rocky Steps" outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

lege was granted to our group in which we were able to view the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world. We then traveled to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. After a short elevator ride, you arrive at the top floor and as you go down the floors you travel through time and the story unfolds. It really was a moving exhibit that I'm sure made people think more about their past. Then we visited a spree of monuments, from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, to the Jefferson Memorial. After a nice dinner in Alexandria, Va., we were given a tour of the historic town along with ghost stories to go with certain locations.

The fourth morning was more solemn than the others. Everyone put on their fanciest clothes, because that day we would be visiting Arlington National Cemetery. That is the resting place of many soldiers located on the acres of land that once belonged to General Robert E. Lee. Hills lined with beautiful flowering trees and rows upon rows of meticulously placed white headstones comprise most of the land. An Eternal Flame marks the grave of President John F. Kennedy, who is buried there along with his wife and a few of his relatives. The

most well-known area of the cemetery is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. This is where we headed as soon as we got there. Located in a huge marble amphitheater, a large tomb stands overlooking the Washington skyline at the edge of steps. Inside that tomb is one person from each of the two World Wars, one from the Korean War and a memorial to the Vietnam War. Once again, Agawam had the honor of laying a wreath at this grave. After the Changing of the Guard is the Wreath-Laying Ceremony. Everyone silently watched as the ceremony commenced. We amassed at the end of the formal occasion to head back to the bus. Everyone was still moved by the ceremony.

From there we took a quick photo stop at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial. A giant statue depicts our forces planting the American flag after the battle at Iwo Jima in World War II. While we were there, another tour group arrived. It was composed of veterans who had been enlisted during such times of conflict. In respect of our veterans, we lined up to shake their hands in honor of their help to our country.

We later looked at the White House, home to the president. After boarding the bus once more, we headed to the Na-

tional Archives, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution are kept. Although under heavy security, this is the place where you can view the original documents our founding fathers signed in pursuit of freedom for their newly developing country. Our sights were then set on the other Smithsonian museums, specifically the American History Museum. There, you could see the actual ruby slippers Judy Garland wore during the filming of "The Wizard of Oz," or you can try reciting one of some past presidents' speeches. After an exciting look through that museum, our group went to the Kennedy Center to view the play "Shear Madness!" This is a murder mystery play enacted in a barber shop that is affected by the input of the audience. It was a hilarious play that left all of us laughing by the end. That last full day in D.C. was surely one to remember.

After breakfast the next day, we all sadly brought out our suitcases, ready to once again begin the long trip home. After a quick stop at the World War II Memorial, a place where one would like to linger and think, we headed to the Newseum, an entire museum devoted to the history of reporting and the news. Inside were pieces of the Berlin Wall and World Trade Center. You could see newspapers from colonial times and even a printing press that was typically used to create newspaper during those time periods. You could spend a whole day going floor-by-floor through that place, but sadly we had a schedule and were not able to explore everything available to the eyes of the public.

By the time we reached home everyone was tired, relieved, and sad that our adventure was over. At least there is always next year! This trip brought friends together, from late-night pizza parties, to singing in unison on the bus. Sharing these experiences truly enhanced the bonds between friends. It was an unforgettable experience. Washington, D.C., is an ideal place for historical learning and through our history, we gained knowledge unavailable to us before. This was one school trip worth attending.

Olivia Salva is a seventh-grader at Agawam Junior High School.



From left, Annabella Spinney, Ella Votzak, Paige Budington and Skylar Thies in the lobby of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.



AJHS students Demitra Benard, left, and Skylar Thies visit a section of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., commemorating the president's "Fireside Chats."



Emma Ackley and Reese Bourgeois stand in front of the North Lawn of the White House.



Father and son Jason and Oscar Wolfe visit the Marine Corps War Memorial, depicting the flag-raising at Iwo Jima in World War II, in Arlington, Va.



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1. Satisfaction  
4. 18th Hebrew letter  
9. Couches  
14. Severe  
15. Makes comic books  
16. Grape  
17. Handle perfectly  
18. Home of J.R.  
20. Everyone has these  
22. Linen  
23. He owned the Bucks  
24. Supported  
28. River in Guangdong  
29. Exclamation of surprise  
30. Nicholas II was one  
31. Comic antihero  
33. In the back of a mammal's mouth  
37. Joe is a famous one

CLUES DOWN

38. Impressionist painter Italo  
39. Send forth  
41. They \_\_\_\_  
42. Not down  
43. Computer program I-\_\_\_\_  
44. Nostrils  
46. County in New Mexico  
49. Letter of the Greek alphabet  
50. Russian river  
51. Sorts  
55. A feeling (slang)  
57. Type genus of the Elopidae  
58. Ingesting  
60. Paints small things  
64. Trouble  
65. Turn on its end  
66. Story (archaic)  
67. Negative  
68. Manners  
69. Hurts  
70. IBM's software group

CLUES DOWN

1. Prods  
2. Tempest  
3. Miserable  
4. Excited  
5. Temindung Airport  
6. Provides shade from the sun  
7. Generators  
8. Newspapers  
9. Unaccompanied flights  
13. Bahrain dinar  
14. Romanian currency  
17. Between northeast and east  
18. London Southend Airport  
20. Cucumber  
22. Lovable pig  
27. Woman (French)  
28. Defensive nuclear weapon  
29. Clutch

CLUES DOWN

31. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet  
32. Records electrical activity  
33. Car mechanics group  
37. Speaking  
38. A formal permission  
39. Exploiter  
40. Affixed  
41. External genitals  
42. Deity  
43. Eat these with soup  
44. Swerved  
47. Connects two pipes  
48. Challenger  
49. Ranch (Spanish)  
51. Righted  
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Will Noll, 11 rounds third base while participating in a baserunning contest.

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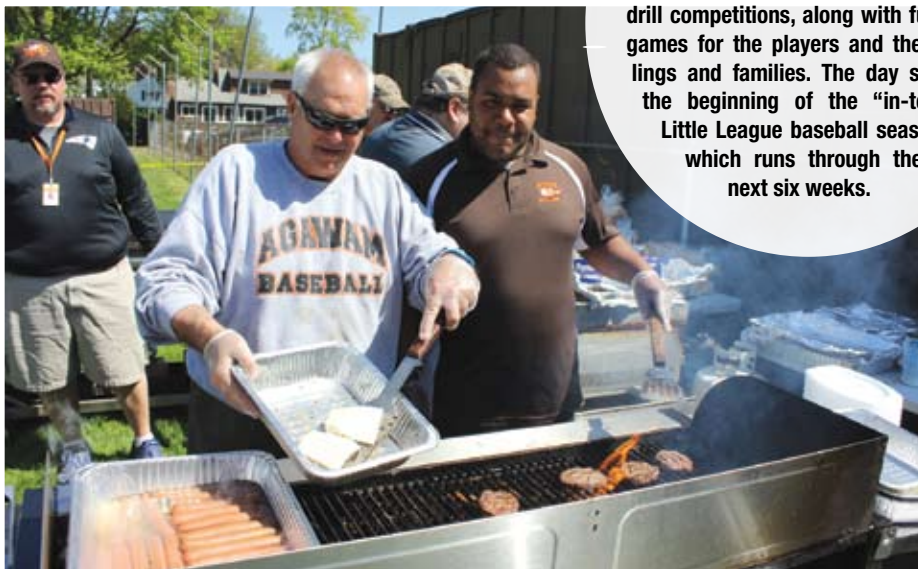


**L**ittle League held its Opening Day last Saturday morning with opening ceremonies, a home run derby and other drill competitions, along with fun and games for the players and their siblings and families. The day signals the beginning of the "in-town" Little League baseball season, which runs through the next six weeks.

The merchandise tent was full with plenty of orange merchandise available.



Zach Zollo, 12, checks out a bat for sale during the Opening Day festivities at Agawam Memorial Field.



Bruce Bussiere and Brett McLaughlin run the grill.



Members of the Agawam Giants AA team enjoy some lunch before doing drills. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL

# Strong pitching leads Brownies to shutout win

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – When coach Jess Nelson saw that the South Hadley High School softball team had an independent matchup against the defending Division I Champion Agawam Brownies, she knew it would be a challenge for her improving team.

The Tigers stayed in the game and challenged Agawam, though the Brownies got by South Hadley 3-0 last Wednesday afternoon at Borgatti Field.

Agawam scored two runs in the first inning and added another run in the fourth inning.

South Hadley would threaten a couple of times, but ended up with just four baserunners in the game.

Defense was the big thing for South Hadley. The Tigers were able to use some great plays to stay in the game and keep it as close as they could. Agawam bats also had a bit of trouble adjusting to Nicole Niemiec, a rare left-handed pitcher.

Allison Wheeler, Agawam's star starting pitcher and winner of two Western Mass. titles, has been a bigger hitting threat the past two years. She started out

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Pitcher Allison Wheeler watches third baseman Maria Moccio make a play to first.



Rachel Laponese throws back to the infield after making a catch. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
INSET: Jess Lingenberg makes contact on a fly ball.

## BASEBALL

# Florence, Falcon bats take down Agawam

By Nate Rosenthal  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Minnechaug and Agawam baseball teams met in an early season Valley League showdown. The two teams were tied with 1-1 records in league play, but it was the Falcons who dominated this game from start to finish by a 15-6 score.

This was also the first game for Nate Florence since he threw a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts against Longmeadow. And for the first three innings, he looked like he might improve on that performance, Florence walked the lead-off hitter and then struck the next nine. The Brownies would break up his chance of back to back no hitters with a one out single in the fourth. Meanwhile, the Falcons had put up two runs in the first and two more in the second for a 4-0 lead. In the fourth, Minnechaug broke open the game with a seven spot and then after adding two more in the fifth, the score was 13-0. At that point, Florence had allowed just two hits and had struck out 12. Agawam got to him in the sixth, when they score four times. Minnechaug got two of them back in their half of the sixth. By the seventh, Florence was done and the brownies scored



Aiden Page goes for the scoop at first base. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Austin Sabadosa makes a throw down to second.

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## LACROSSE



Rob Mirolli circles around with the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PETER FIDALGO WWW.PETERFIDALGOPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

# Perfect in league, but Brownies fall below .500

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – After going above the .500 mark with a win against East Longmeadow on April 18, it has been a very tough stretch for the Agawam High School boys lacrosse team.

The Brownies have lost four straight games, including some non-regional action.

Most recently, the Brownies

were defeated in consecutive days by Westfield and Minnechaug Regional.

Last Thursday, Agawam suffered a 19-5 loss against Westfield on the road.

It was a tough start for the Brownies as their offense sputtered and they were unable to take many possessions in the game. Westfield would score six

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with a triple in the bottom of the first inning, and came home on a rare error at first base by South Hadley, allowing Rachel Lapponese to reach base.

Mario Moccio and Gianna Perella also eventually reached base allowing Lapponese to score to make it 2-0 Agawam.

The Brownies then threatened again in the second inning, with single by Katie Grasso followed by Wheeler getting hit with a pitch. A groundout would end the threat for Agawam.

The Brownies would score in the fourth inning, with Samantha Stratton reaching on a fielder's choice. She eventually came around to score on an RBI single by Wheeler to make it 3-0.

Perella hit a double in the fifth inning but was thrown out trying to stretch it to a triple to end another Agawam threat.

South Hadley threatened in the first inning when Ari Williams reached on a single. But Wheeler worked out of that jam.

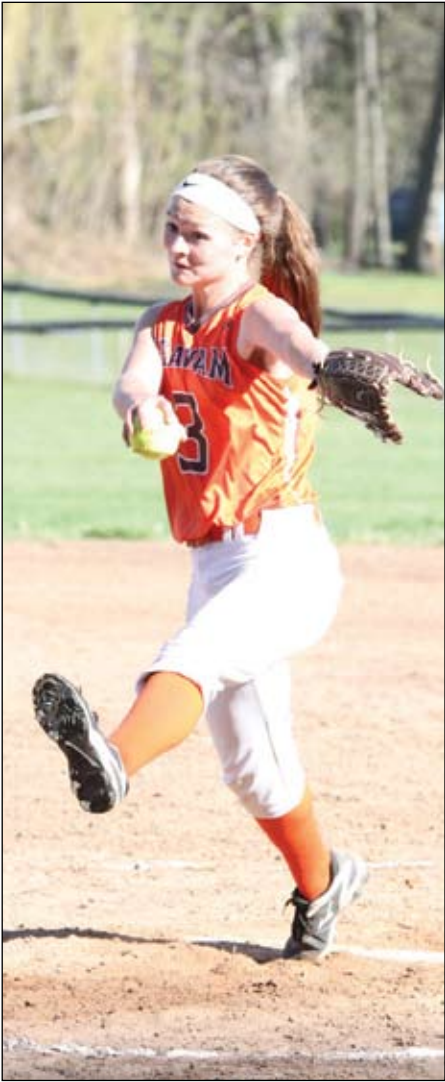
Emilee Ottomaniello doubled and Kate Bishop was hit by a pitch in the second inning, but Wheeler struck out Karley Rogers and induced Niemiec to pop-up to end that threat. Wheeler then retired the side in order in three of the next four innings.

Wheeler finished with a three-hit shut-out with nine strikeouts and one walk.

Niemiec pitched very well against powerful Agawam lineup. She allowed three runs on seven hits.

Agawam was led of offense by Wheeler and Perella with two hits each.

The Brownies are now 7-2 and also beat West Springfield 7-2 last Thursday. The Tigers are now 3-7 this season and lost to Minnechaug and West Springfield last week by a combined score of 25-4.



Pitcher Allison Wheeler fires to the plate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELL



Katie Grasso swings at the pitch.

## COLLEGE NOTES

### College notes: Massoia excels for Wesleyan softball

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. – Angelina Massoia of Feeding Hills helped the Wesleyan University Cardinals Softball team to 2 victories over Middlebury College, VT. Massoia a senior at Wesleyan tied the game with an RBI single and scored the winning run in the 2-1 seventh inning victory on Friday, April 15. She also had three additional hits and another RBI in the series. Massoia will be graduating after 3 years at Wesleyan University. She has been named to the NESCAC All-Academic team each year and is a 2013 graduate from Suffield Academy.

### Busco helps women's lacrosse to win

Coming out of halftime, Alicia Busco (Agawam, Mass./Agawam HS) scored two quick goals, with one being the game winning goal in a 20-12 win for the University of New Hampshire over Southern New Hampshire. She also grabbed up two ground balls and had induced a turnover.

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two more for the 15-6 final.

Max Molta walked to start the game. After that, Florence would strike out the next nine batters and get a fly out to start the fourth. With one out in the fourth Chris Morassi ended the possibility of back to back no hitters when he singled with one out. Two ground outs ended the inning. Florence would strike out the side in the fifth, though he gave a up a two out double to Joe Oliver.

The Falcons got on the board in the first inning off Oliver. After two groundouts, Steve Pickering singled and then came all the way around, when Matt LaBranche on an error in the outfield. LaBranche who got to third on the error then scored on a passed ball. It was more of the same in the second. Again with two groundouts, Nate Epaul reached on an error and then scored on a double by Dan Naumec, who then scored on an error himself. The Falcons loaded the basis after two outs in the third, but unlike the first two innings, they did not score.

Minnechaug broke the game open in the fourth. After Epaul was hit by a pitch, Naumec and Kyle Trombley walked to load the bases. Jack Douglass singled in one to make it 5-0 and then Pickering cleared the bases with a triple for 8-0. Epaul later doubled in two more and after the fourth, the Falcons led 11-0. They scored two more in the fifth and had now given Florence a 13-0 lead.

Agawam got to Florence in the sixth when Morassi belted a one out two run homer with Molta aboard. With two outs, Matt O'Keefe triple in Steven Grasso, who had struck, but then got to first when the ball got away. The Falcons got two of them on an RBI single by LaBranche and a sacrifice fly by Nick Scibelli. The Brownies scored twice in the seventh as Dom Ingham doubled in Ryan White and Morassi, both of whom had singled.

The Falcons had three players with two hits apiece, Douglass, Pickering and LaBranche. Pickering and LaBranche knocked in three apiece, while Pickering also scored three times. Morassi had three hits for Agawam, including the homer in the fifth. He also scored twice and drove in two, as did Ingham.

The Falcons improved to 3-1 in the league and 5-3 overall with a 10-2 win over Amherst. Brian Tessicini allowed just three hits, while striking out eight. LaBranche had two hits and four RBIs. Agawam picked up their second win of the season with a 7-1 win over Longmeadow. Ingham drove in four. The Brownies had a five run second and Kevin Lecuyer, did the rest. The Brownies take on East Longmeadow, while Falcons will host Westfield in their next games.



Joe Oliver makes a throw on the run. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Max Molta throws to first.



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Thursday, May 5</b>		
Girls Lacrosse		
Agawam at Minnechaug	4 p.m.	
Softball		
Agawam at Chicopee	7 p.m.	
Boys Volleyball		
Ludlow at Agawam	6 p.m.	
<b>Friday, May 6</b>		
Boys Lacrosse		
Agawam at South Hadley	4 p.m.	
Girls Lacrosse		
East Longmeadow at Agawam	4 p.m.	
Girls Tennis		
Agawam at Chicopee	4 p.m.	
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>		
Baseball		
Minnechaug at Agawam	3 p.m.	
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>		
No games scheduled.		
<b>Monday, May 9</b>		
Girls Lacrosse		
West Springfield at Agawam	4 p.m.	
Softball		
Longmeadow at Agawam	4 p.m.	
Boys Tennis		
Agawam at Minnechaug	4 p.m.	
Boys Volleyball		
Agawam at Central	5 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b>		
Baseball		
Agawam at Central	4 p.m.	
Boys Lacrosse		
Agawam at West Springfield	7 p.m.	
Girls Tennis		
Agawam at Northampton	4 p.m.	
Boys Track		
Agawam at Chicopee		
Comprehensive	4 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b>		
Softball		
East Longmeadow at Agawam	4 p.m.	
Boys Tennis		
Agawam at Amherst	4 p.m.	
Boys Volleyball		
Putnam at Agawam	5 p.m.	

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unanswered goals to start the game and shut the Brownies out of the first quarter.

The Brownies would finally break through with a four-goal second quarter to get back into the game. But the Bombers matched that total and had a 10-4 lead at halftime.

Then, the Westfield defense tightened up, allowing just one Agawam goal during the second half.

Nate Poirer and Tytus Moen had two goals each. Matt Lemke also had a goal. Domenic Pellegrino added two assists. Zach Fiedler made nine saves in the goal.

Agawam had similar struggles against Minnechaug last Wednesday afternoon at School Street Park. The Falcons offense was too much for Agawam and commanded the entire game.

The Brownies scored single goals in each of the first three quarters.

In the defeat, T.J. Maniscalchi, Rob Mirolli, and Shaun Noonan scored goals, and Fiedler and Adam Mazza combined with 11 saves.

The Brownies also suffered losses against Doherty High School and a showcase game at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst campus against Peabody.

The Peabody loss on April 23 was a defensive battle that would end up going into two overtimes before Peabody scored the winning goal.

The teams went goal-to-goal for most of the game, with each team only gaining slight advantages at most points throughout the game.

Noonan scored two goals, and Lemke, Pellegrino, and Matthew Lockwood scored single goals for the Brownies.

Agawam is in a very interesting situation currently with a 4-7 overall record.

While they are still under .500, the Brownies can qualify for tournament by the first or second place rule within their league. The Brownies are a perfect 3-0 against the other teams in their league. They have yet to play Northampton, and will meet East Longmeadow, West Springfield and Pope Francis one more time each.

If Agawam can place first or second in their league, they can qualify for tournament regardless of their overall record.

The Brownies will next face South Hadley on May 6 at 4 p.m.



Alex Amato keeps the ball away from the Minnechaug defense. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PETER FIDALGO WWW.PETERFIDALGOPHOTOGRAPHY.COM



Brett Fila tries to defend against Minnechaug.

# Legals

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam City Council Administrative Sub-Committee will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:30pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the petition of Ever-source for permission to install two (2) hex holes to re-work feeder cables and to be able to accommodate OMG, Inc. service upgrade, including permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

**Paul C. Cavallo**, Chairman  
Administrative  
Sub-Committee  
4/28,5/5/16

### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2021 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on April 14, 2016.

The Capital Improvement Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal

years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or facility; the purchase of land, buildings or facilities for a public purpose; or a long range development study.

The Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2021 is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Capital Improvement Program is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
**James P. Cichetti**  
President of the City Council  
5/5,5/12/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD16P0706EA  
Estate of:  
Gloria Mary Deleva  
Date of Death: 10/18/1998  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION  
A Petition for Formal**

**Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Ann Marie Basile** of Agawam MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/19/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without

further notice to you.

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UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 21, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
5/5/16

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# Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

**Friday, May 6**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL APPLAUSE SERIES will feature concert pianist Deborah Wyndham who will present “The History of Ragtime” at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. It is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, May 7**

Congamond Lakes Environmental Protection Organization second annual Winter’s Over Party fundraiser at 8 p.m. Live music from Josh Larsen and Dynamic Funk at Crabby Joe’s, 141 Congamond Road, Southwick. Prizes and raffles. A \$10 donation will be taken at the door.

ST. MARTHA’S GUILD TAG, BAKE AND PLANT SALE 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, at 4 p.m. on the front lawn at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, with two animal rescue organizations bringing farm animals and birds of prey. Free and open to the public. People are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing.

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM BENEFIT ORGAN CONCERT at 1p.m. in the Union Meetinghouse on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Proceeds from the \$7 admission fee will benefit Storrowton’s Early American Summer Days enrichment program, as well as its music and dance demonstrations. For more information and to make reservations, call 413-205-5051.

**Sunday, May 8**

TOUR THE PHELPS-HATHEWAY HOUSE & GARDEN, 55 South Main St., Suffield from 2 to 4 p.m. followed by a traditional tea service served by Mrs. Phelps. Young guests welcome to don a period costume. Admission is \$15 per person, \$40 for a group of three, \$12.50 for CTL members, \$10 for children 12 and under. Registration required. To register, call 860-668-0055 or email [pHELPS.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org](mailto:pHELPS.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org).

**Monday, May 9**

THE GREATER WESTFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE workshop from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on employers’ recordkeeping requirements, an informational seminar that will provide an overview of state and federal record-keeping requirements. Free to Chamber members, \$30 for non-members, at the Holiday Inn Express, 39 Southampton Road, Westfield. Register at 413-568-1618 or [www.westfieldbiz.org](http://www.westfieldbiz.org).

**Tuesday, May 10**

THE “NOT YET OVER THE HILL GANG,” a group of senior citizen writers, will present an evening of poetry, fiction and non-fiction entertainment at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. at 7 p.m. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

**Wednesday, May 11**

BOOK SIGNING BY TINKY WEISBLAT, author of “Pulling Taffy: A Year with Dementia & Other Adventures,” at 5 p.m. at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam. For more information or to register, call 413-789-8332 or email [nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com](mailto:nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com).

“CHAIR FIT PLUS: BEGINNER STRENGTH CLASS” with the YMCA at 10:30 a.m. the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The program will focus on the

fundamentals of muscle strengthening, including core and balance. All exercises include the use of a chair. Registration not necessary.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, May 12**

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER’S “Let’s Put West Springfield and Agawam on the Map,” a free workshop in conjunction with SCORE, about getting found on Google search and maps, at the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park St., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, visit [www.westoftheriverchamber.com](http://www.westoftheriverchamber.com) or call 413-426-3880.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “The Grand Tour: George and Belle Smith Collect in Italy,” featuring Julia Courtney, curator, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Saturday, May 14**

“THE SPIRIT OF SPRING,” American Cancer Society Evening of Hope Gala, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Chez Josef in Agawam. The event will include a formal dinner, auction and dancing to Beantown. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Annie Hurwitz at 508-270-4749 or email [annie.hurwitz@cancer.org](mailto:annie.hurwitz@cancer.org).

A NIGHT OF MUSIC WITH KRISTEN GRAVES AND GLENN ROTH at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, on Saturday, May 14, at 7 p. m. Proceeds to benefit “Feeding the Children Everywhere.” Free-will donation. For more information, call the church office at 860-668-7223 or visit [www.FeedingChildrenEverywhere.com](http://www.FeedingChildrenEverywhere.com).

WESTFIELD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE at 28 Court St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Perennials, annuals and indoor plants featured at reasonable prices, along with “garden art,” flower baskets, ornaments and accessories. A raffle of gift baskets will be included in the day’s activities.

**Sunday, May 15**

A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND RECOVERY NAMI walkathon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beveridge Pavilion Annex at Stanley Park in Westfield. Complimentary food and beverages, music and a raffle for all ages. For more information, visit [www.namivm.org](http://www.namivm.org) or call the office at 413-786-9139.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

NORTHERN HARMONY WILL PERFORM in the Music on High Concert Series at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, on Sunday, May 15, at 4 p.m. Requested donation is \$20 for general admission and members, \$15 for seniors and students. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a Remembrance Garden Dedication Ceremony at 11 a.m. in Forest Park on Sumner Avenue in Springfield to mark the opening of the garden, the first of its kind in the United States. A reception will take place following the ceremony at the John Boyle O’Reilly Club in Springfield.

**Monday, May 16**

COLORING FOR GROWN-UPS at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. All coloring pages and supplies provided. To register for this adults-only program, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

**Tuesday, May 17**

SUFFIELD LOCAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL presentation at 7 p.m. on drug culture and drug abuse among school-aged children. All parents are invited to this event at Suffield High School, 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield.

**Thursday, May 19**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Blue-Eyed Doll: The Story Behind the Book,” featuring author Deanna K. Klingel, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, May 20**

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE from 2-5 p.m., \$3 for the public, free for Friends members; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge for all. All proceeds to benefit library programs.

**Saturday, May 21**

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH chicken, biscuit and gravy supper at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. For reservations, call Dot Bettinger at 413-357-6689. Tickets may be paid for and picked up at the Fellowship Hall door. The church is at 16 Granby Road, Granville.

**Sunday, May 22**

SCHOLA NOVA performance as part of the American Guild of Organists Invitational, “A Festival of Choirs, Brass and Organ” begins at 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut St., Springfield. Free to the public. Donations accepted.

**Wednesday, May 25**

“CHAIR FIT PLUS: BEGINNER STRENGTH CLASS” with the YMCA at 10:30 a.m. the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The program will focus on the fundamentals of muscle strengthening, including core and balance. All exercises include the use of a chair. Registration not necessary.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS of Western Mass. panel discussion on Mental Health and Elders from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Baystate Conference Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke. Keynote Speaker Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, former chair of psychiatry, Baystate Health. For more information, contact Jennifer Higgings, NAMI-WM vice president, at [jhiggins@namivm.org](mailto:jhiggins@namivm.org) or 413-439-2261.

**Thursday, May 26**

2016 WORLD’S KIELBASA FESTIVAL AND INTERNATIONAL FAIR today from 4-10 p.m.; tomorrow from 4-11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Monday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Young & Stroh Building, Coliseum and outdoor area on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$10; five-day pass, \$35; children 12 and under free with p aid adult; seniors, \$3; students, \$5 with identification.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Hollywood: Wild West to Movie Mecca,” featuring Anne Barrett, historical lecturer, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, June 3**

Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. chicken cacciatore dinner at 6 p.m., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Reservations on first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. Must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy 413-827-9350.

**Thursday, June 8**

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY 3D Art Show today from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 18**

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM opening day festivities take place from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include guided tours of the historic buildings with costumed interpreters teaching about daily life in the 19th century. For more information about events offered during Storrowton Village’s summer season, call the office at 413-205-5051 or visit [TheBigE.com/sv](http://TheBigE.com/sv).

**ONGOING**

THE UPSTAIRS GALLERY AND GLASS CASES at the Agawam Public Library contain 68 photos that were juried into the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Sixth Open Juried Photography Show. The show will run to Feb. 26. Brochures are available in the gallery area at the library that describe the photographs.

GRANDPARENT’S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David’s Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children’s interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local “veteran” mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at [rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com)

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

## Arts festival Thurs.

Agawam High School’s annual Spring Arts Festival will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the high school, 760 Cooper St., Agawam.

The festival will feature artwork from two National Art Honors classes and performances by AHS choral groups. All are invited to attend.

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

- Monday, May 9:** Stuffed shells and meatballs, garden salad, oranges.
- Tuesday, May 10:** Beef barley soup, egg salad on whole wheat with lettuce and tomato, birthday cake.
- Wednesday, May 11:** Italian seasoned roast chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, mixed fruit.
- Thursday, May 12:** American chop suey, three-bean salad, peaches.
- Friday, May 13:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, buttered spinach, pudding.

**Calendar of Events**

- Monday, May 9:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
- Tuesday, May 10:** 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard starts (meet at St. John’s field); 10 a.m., chair exercise,

Computer Tech Club meeting; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie (“Mr. Holmes”), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, survivor group meeting (Conference Room); 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class; 7 p.m., Garden Club.

**Wednesday, May 11:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Thursday, May 12:** 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art, free blood pressure check with the nurse; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.

**Friday, May 13:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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**SAT. MAY 7TH, 9-4** Household items, jewelry and some furniture. 24 Prokop Ave., Ludlow

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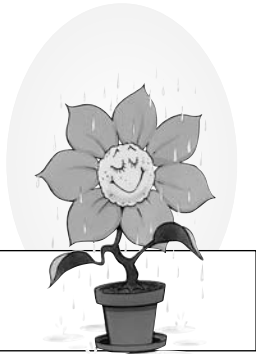
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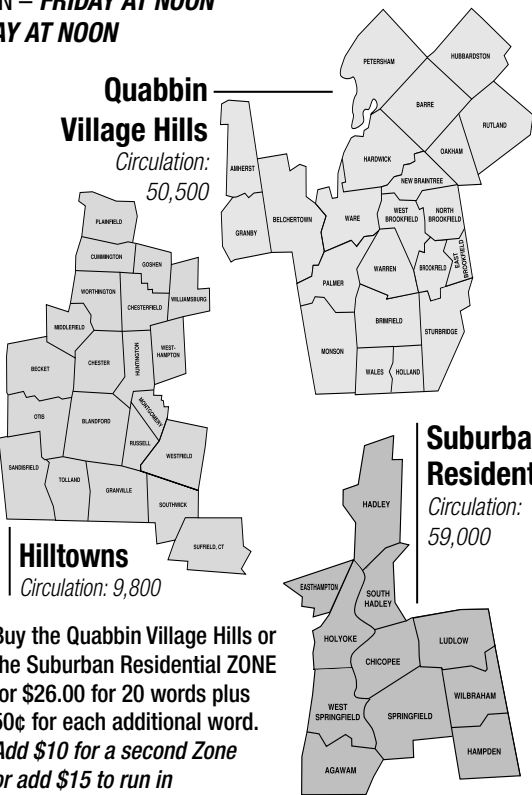
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# Chamber web search workshop next week

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber along with SCORE is helping small businesses grow their presence online with “Let’s Put West Springfield and Agawam on the Map,” a workshop which will feature a lesson about getting found on Google search and maps. This free workshop will take place Thursday, May 12, at the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park St., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit [www.westoftheriverchamber.com](http://www.westoftheriverchamber.com) or call 413-426-3880.

# Storowton Village opening day festivities June 18

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Storowton Village Museum will celebrate the beginning of its summer season with free tours and family festivities Saturday, June 18, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Opening day activities will include guided tours of the historic buildings with costumed interpreters teaching about daily life in the 19th century.

Presentations will include Early American activities such as cooking over the open hearth in the Gilbert Farmstead, tending the forge in the Blacksmith Shop and attending a lesson in the one-room schoolhouse. Demonstrations on the Village Green will include furniture- and broommaking.

Attendees will see and touch a variety of historical artifacts of the 19th century, including an authentic straw mattress with a rope foundation, cooking utensils, blacksmith and tradesman tools and quill pens. Aunt Helen’s Herb Garden, an oasis of botanical plantings, will feature a costumed interpreter throughout the day to teach visitors herbal folklore and remedies.

Storowton Open House tours continue all summer long, June 20 through Aug. 26, with guided tours for individuals and groups Tuesday through Saturday, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under the age of 6. Members of groups such as the Massachusetts Teachers Association and AAA are eligible to receive an admission discount.

For more information about events offered during Storowton Village’s summer season, call the office at 413-205-5051 or visit [TheBigE.com/vs](http://TheBigE.com/vs).



State Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash, center, and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, third from right, toured Six Flags New England recently. Also pictured, from left, are Marie Provost, Jennifer Mance, John Winkler, Cutter Matlock and Jeff Bissonnette from Six Flags. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Boldyga, state official discuss tourism at Six Flags

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, welcomed state Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash to Agawam last Friday.

Ash and Boldyga were given a tour of Six Flags New England by park president John Winkler and his staff. The group discussed Six Flags’ economic impact on Agawam and surrounding towns. Ash said the current state administration is dedicated to increasing tourism to Massachusetts, and the Pioneer Valley, specifically. Six Flags is a major employer in the region, as well as paying a large amount of state taxes throughout the year, making them a valuable asset to the region and the state as a whole.

“Six Flags New England brings tourists and locals to the area, supporting local vendors and economic growth,” said Ash. “The Baker-Polito administration is committed to working with local and regional officials,

including Rep. Boldyga, to leverage unique local assets and drive economic development and job creation in Western Massachusetts.”

Commented Boldyga, who represents Agawam in the state House of Representatives: “I am happy that Secretary Ash accepted my invitation to visit the district. ... It was important that Secretary Ash see the immense contributions this attraction has to the area in tourism, jobs, and local business revenues. Agawam, and Massachusetts, is lucky to have a great business and community partner such as Six Flags New England.”

Winkler noted that the theme park, on Main Street near the Connecticut state line, will debut three new rollercoasters this year. He said the park is constantly reinvesting in itself and thanked Ash and Boldyga for meeting with him.

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## Deadline is June 3, 2016!



## Senior storytellers bring wit, whimsy to library

The "Not Yet Over the Hill Gang" will present an evening of poetry, fiction and nonfiction entertainment at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m.

The Not Yet Over the Hill Gang is a group of senior citizen writers that are members of the East Longmeadow Library's "Every Other Wednesday Afternoon Writing Circle." Based on their own experiences, they craft creative nonfiction, fiction and poetry that tells stories filled with wit, wisdom and whimsy. The group decided to offer "spoken word" presentations to enrich their own lives as well as to encourage connections and empathy among generations.

The Writing Circle began when Elaine Frankonis, a published poet, decided that she needed to find a group of kindred creative spirits to keep her inspired. Two of the other members of the Not Yet Over the Hill Gang have lifelong experiences writing professionally. Betty McCann is known for the columns she occasionally writes for a local publication and Tony Matejczyk has had an extensive career in both the newspaper business and in public relations.

To register for this event, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

## Tag sale at Sacred Heart this Saturday

St. Martha's Guild will hold its annual Tag, Bake and Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, contact Joanne at 413-786-7919 or [jjcappa@aol.com](mailto:jjcappa@aol.com), or Mary at 413-786-1042 or [mscherpa@comcast.net](mailto:mscherpa@comcast.net).



## Beginner strength classes free at Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library offers "Chair Fit Plus: Beginner Strength Class" with the YMCA the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next classes will take place May 11 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. The program will focus on the fundamentals of muscle strengthening, including core and balance.

All exercises include the use of a chair. Body weight exercises will also be included to ensure a good workout. All are welcome to join instructor Ryan Rackliffe for these free classes and sample what the YMCA has to offer. Blood pressure checks will also be available. Registration is not necessary.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.



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Tinky will share their story and offer fun and helpful tips for others caring for a loved one with dementia.

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